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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, CIA
FROM : Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates
SUBJECT : First Report of JIGSAW Committee

The Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee for International Communism (JIGSAW), which is functioning under an IAC Agreement negotiated in May, 1949, herewith submits a status report together with certain recommendations.

1. Since its initial meeting on 28 June, 1949, the JIGSAW Committee has made modest progress in planning and coordinating the production of intelligence on international communism.
2. The problems of duplication and overlap in production, and of exchange of information, have been met by a detailed survey of production, and by an agreement for continuing interchange of data and programs. In addition, a sub-committee of JIGSAW meets frequently to discuss related matters.
3. In regard to intelligence production, the JIGSAW Committee has drawn up a broad production program designed to fulfill the total requirements of the government in the field of International Communism. This program, attached as Tab A, presently embraces about one hundred projects, broken down into four major fields of intelligence investigation.

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This program is extensive in scope, and will take some time to accomplish. Accordingly, ten of the projects therein have been selected for priority treatment. These initial ten projects, together with indications of agency interests in their production, are listed in Tab B.

4. Because of the importance the Committee attaches to the early production of these ten priority projects, it is recommended:

a. That Tabs A and B be presented to the IAC for review and comment.

b. That the members of the IAC be requested to have their agencies undertake, as a matter of priority, production of such of the projects listed in Tab B as fall within their fields of responsibility.

5. The Committee does not feel that future lists of priority projects, such as that given in Tab B, need be similarly forwarded for specific approval by the IAC. Instead, it is believed preferable for the members of JIGSAW to exercise negotiating powers for their agencies on problems of allocation and production commitments.

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Attachments:

Tabs A and B

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